## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

- 1. (Cancelled)
- 2. **(Previously Presented)** The electro-optical module according to claim <u>7,[1,]</u> wherein said mounting surface is substantially free from aligning structures.
- 3. (**Previously Presented**) The electro-optical module according to claim <u>7.</u>[1,] wherein the receptacle is disposed so as not to touch said component unit, said receptacle making contact with and being connected substantially only to said mounting surface of said substrate.
- 4. (**Previously Presented**) The electro-optical module according to claim <u>7.</u>[1,] wherein said substrate has a second surface on a side thereof averted from said receptacle, and including an electronic circuit carried on said second surface.
- 5. (**Previously Presented**) The electro-optical module according to claim <u>7.</u>[1,] which further comprises a cap attached directly to said mounting surface of said substrate for electrically shielding said component unit.
  - 6. (Previously Presented) A rigid-flexible-rigid circuit carrier comprising:

    the [The ]electro-optical module according to claim 7,[1,] wherein said substrate forms a first rigid part; [part of a rigid flexible-rigid-circuit carrier.]

    a flexible part comprising flexible conductors connected to the substrate; and a second rigid part comprising a printed circuit board.

- 7. (Currently Amended) An electro-optical module, comprising: a substrate formed with a mounting surface;
- a receptacle for an optical fiber plug defining a beam path substantially perpendicular to said mounting surface; and
- an integrated component unit mounted on said mounting surface, said integrated component unit comprising:

a solid body defining at least first and second surfaces;

an electro-optical component mounted on the first surface; and

a lens formed on the second surface, wherein the lens and the electrooptical component are directly aligned with one another in the beam path between said electro-optical component and said receptacle,

wherein said first surface is opposite said second surface.

- 8. (**Previously Presented**) The electro-optical module according to claim 7, wherein said first surface is substantially parallel to said second surface.
- 9. (**Previously Presented**) The electro-optical module according to claim 7, wherein said first surface is substantially parallel to said mounting surface.
- 10. (**Previously Presented**) The electro-optical module according to claim 7, wherein said electro-optical component is embedded in a filling compound.
- 11. (**Previously Presented**) The electro-optical module according to claim 10, further comprising a bond wire partially embedded in said filling compound, said bond wire forming at least a portion of an electrical connection between said electro-optical component and said substrate.

- 12. **(Currently Amended)** An electro-optical module, comprising: a substrate formed with a mounting surface;
- a receptacle for an optical fiber plug defining a beam path substantially perpendicular to said mounting surface; and
- an integrated component unit mounted on said mounting surface, said integrated component unit comprising:
  - a solid body defining at least first and second surfaces;
  - an electro-optical component mounted on the first surface; and
  - a focusing lens formed on the second surface, wherein the lens and the electro-optical component are directly aligned with one another in the beam path between said electro-optical component and said receptacle.
- 13. (**Previously Presented**) The electro-optical module according to claim 12, wherein the solid body further defines a depression on the first surface in which the electro-optical component is mounted.
- 14. (**Previously Presented**) The electro-optical module according to claim 12, wherein the receptacle includes a partition and wherein, upon insertion of the optical fiber plug, the partition is disposed between an end face of the optical fiber plug and the lens.

- 15. (Currently Amended) An electro-optical module, comprising:
  - a substrate formed with a mounting surface;
- a receptacle for an optical fiber plug defining a beam path substantially perpendicular to said mounting surface; and
- an integrated component unit mounted on said mounting surface, said integrated component unit comprising:

a lens component on which a lens is formed;

an electro-optical component directly aligned with the lens in the beam path between said electro-optical component and said receptacle; and

a first metallization extending over a portion of the lens component and connected in an electrically conducting fashion to the electro-optical component and to a first corresponding connector pad on the mounting surface of the substrate.

- 16. (Previously Presented) The electro-optical module according to claim 15, wherein the first metallization is electrically connected to an underside of the electro-optical component facing the lens.
- 17. (Previously Presented) The electro-optical module according to claim 15, wherein said integrated component unit further comprises a second metallization extending over a portion of the lens component and connected in an electrically conducting fashion to the electro-optical component and to a second corresponding connector pad on the mounting surface of the substrate.
- 18. (Previously Presented) The electro-optical module according to claim 17, wherein the second metallization is electrically connected to the electro-optical component via a bond wire.